

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 177

To direct the Senate Commission on Art to select an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal State representation in the United States Senate, to be placed in the lunette space in the Senate reception room immediately above the entrance into the Senate chamber lobby, and to authorize the Committee on Rules and Administration to obtain technical advice and assistance in carrying out its duties.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2003

Mr. DODD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

To direct the Senate Commission on Art to select an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal State representation in the United States Senate, to be placed in the lunette space in the Senate reception room immediately above the entrance into the Senate chamber lobby, and to authorize the Committee on Rules and Administration to obtain technical advice and assistance in carrying out its duties.

Whereas the reception room in the Capitol outside of the Senate Chamber was originally designed to contain

scenes of American history, to be painted in lunette spaces on the reception walls;

Whereas only one such lunette space in the Senate reception room has been completed;

Whereas it is in the public interest to accomplish the original objective of the design of the Senate reception room by selecting important events of American History to be painted in the remaining unfilled lunette spaces;

Whereas on July 16, 1787, the framers of the United States Constitution, meeting at Independence Hall, reached a supremely important agreement, providing for a dual system of congressional representation, such that in the House of Representatives, each State would be assigned a number of seats in proportion to its population, and in the Senate, all States would have an equal number of seats, an agreement which became known as the “Great Compromise” or the “Connecticut Compromise”; and

Whereas an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal State representation in the United States Senate should be placed in the lunette space in the Senate reception room immediately above the entrance into the Senate chamber lobby: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT COM-**
 3 **PROMISE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Senate Commission on Art,
 5 established under section 901 of the Arizona-Idaho Con-
 6 servation Act of 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188b) (in this section
 7 referred to as the “Commission”) shall select an appro-

1 puate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our
2 forefathers, to be placed in the lunette space in the Senate
3 reception room immediately above the entrance into the
4 Senate chamber lobby.

5 (b) CONSULTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Commission
6 is authorized to seek the advice of and recommendations
7 from historians and other sources in carrying out this sec-
8 tion, and to reimburse such sources for travel expenses,
9 in accordance with Senate Travel Regulations.

10 (c) TIMING.—The Commission shall make its selec-
11 tion pursuant to this section, and shall commission an art-
12 ist to begin work, not later than the close of the 2d session
13 of the 108th Congress.

14 (d) DELEGATION AUTHORITY.—For purposes of
15 making the selection required by this section, a member
16 of the Commission may designate another Senator to act
17 in place of that member.

18 (e) FUNDING.—The expenses of the Commission in
19 carrying out this section shall be made available from ap-
20 propriations under the subheading “MISCELLANEOUS
21 ITEMS” under the heading “CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF
22 THE SENATE”, on vouchers signed by the Secretary of the
23 Senate and approved by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
24 ministration.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Committee
 3 on Rules and Administration may seek technical advice
 4 and assistance to the Committee in carrying out its duties
 5 from individuals from the public and private sectors, who
 6 shall serve without compensation, at the pleasure of the
 7 Chairman.

8 (b) NON-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS.—Individuals pro-
 9 viding advice and assistance described in subsection (a)
 10 shall not be deemed to be—

11 (1) Members, officers, or employees of the Sen-
 12 ate; or

13 (2) providing services to the Senate, for pur-
 14 poses of the Senate Code of Official Conduct.

15 (c) EXPENSES.—Upon submission to the Committee
 16 on Rules and Administration of a routine voucher for ac-
 17 tual transportation expenses incurred in the performance
 18 of providing advice and assistance to the Committee, indi-
 19 viduals described in subsection (a) may be reimbursed in
 20 accordance with Senate Travel Regulations.

○